

I want to make it clear that the Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to order their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry program is a clearly an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. These are my airways. They are like air and we need them to live. By law they have to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.